

E. PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 4/9/18 7 PM 85 N. MARKET ST

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order, present was Mr. Cohen, Mr. Hall, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Todd, Mr. Walker and Mr. Yokley. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the 3/26/18 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Cohen. The March department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Walker. There were no agenda items or Clerks Report.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch thanked CSI Environmental for all of their work for the Spring Clean Up; Manager Monteleone stated the tipping fees will be higher this year because everything was wet.

MANAGER: Monteleone stated Butch Mcree paving was the apparent low bidder for the summer paving project.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated an executive session was needed to discuss pending litigation.

STREET: In reference to the March water department report Mr. Walker questioned the difference between the water produced and water billed, he said the difference is going up instead of down, which is what should be happening since the meters were just replaced. Mr. Cohen stated that the difference is much better now than it was prior to the meter replacement. W/WW Superintendent John Jurjavcic stated the last bill was on a short month and the bills prior to that had the holidays on them. He said he did have leak detection coming in this week as he feels there are some issues that have not surfaced yet. Mr. Simpson said the severity of the winter has driven the frost deeper so there are probably leaks that have not shown themselves yet. Mr. Simpson also asked if the Street Crew would be out patching soon and Monteleone said yes.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen thanked Rotary for putting on Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg hunt this past weekend and also that we need the weather to break so we can begin work on all of the spring projects to be done at the park.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Yokley congratulated Howard's Café on their recent opening. He also stated he, Mr. Simpson and Manager Monteleone attended last week's Unity Township Trustee meeting to discuss the possibility of a Joint Economic Development District and there was an overwhelmingly positive response from all. This would allow us to move towards Route 14. In reference to a J.E.D.D. Mr. Simpson stated we will have more leeway as far as getting utilities there (until we have some committed businesses, funding or grants in place). Mr. Cohen stated that annexation requires a specific time frame for utilities. Mr. Yokley feels the time to move on this project is now.

UTILITY: Mr. Todd asked W/WW Superintendent John Jurjavcic to speak on the well project. Jurjavcic stated that they met with the EPA & engineers last week in reference to a location for a new well; he said the EPA may require an easement to allow for the needed 300 ft isolation area around the well. He said if we cannot get the easement they may have to apply for a variance through the EPA. In reference to the Waste Water project they are currently doing core samples and that there is a meeting Wednesday with the engineers.

FINANCE: Mr. Hall called a Finance Committee meeting for April 23 at 6 PM prior to the regular council meeting.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: John & Dot Herbert, Chief Jim Brown, Chief Josh Brown, Rick & Karen Gorby, Terri Ward, John Davis, John Jurjavcic and Katie White.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 3-2018 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance establishing usage fees for the East**

Palestine Park, and amending section 248.05 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of East Palestine. Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 4-2018 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to execute an encroachment agreement concerning a utility easement and authorizing the Village zoning director to issue a certificate of occupancy.** Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 5-2018 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance to further amend chapter 882 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of East Palestine regarding Municipal Income tax.** Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 6-2018 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance enacted by the Village of East Palestine, Columbiana County Ohio hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA) in the matter of the stated described project and declaring an emergency.** (Upgrade the traffic signal hardware and pavement markings at the intersections of SR 170(N. Market St.) and Rebecca St.) Mr. Simpson made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Hall-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. Manager Monteleone explained this is project done by ODOT and 100% paid for at a cost of roughly \$300,000.00. Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Ord. 6-2018. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Hall-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. 6 YES to pass. At this point Mr. Cohen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation per ORC Section 121.22 Section G3, Mr. Cohen invited in the Law Director, Village Manager and Finance Director. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walker. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Hall-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. Council returned to regular session at approximately 8:05 pm.

ADJOURN: Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Simpson. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH